

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A biologically pure strain of *Lactobacillus plantarum* strain LB931, said strain has been assigned accession number DSM11918.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and been assigned accession number DSM11918, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or diluent.

4. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, further comprising other lactic acid bacteria.

5. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3 comprising  $10^4$  to  $10^{11}$  colony-forming units, *Lactobacillus plantarum* LB931.

6. (original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3 which is a suspension, spray, gel, cream, powder, capsule or a vaginal insert.

7. (previously presented) An absorbent product comprising *Lactobacillus plantarum* strain LB931, said strain has been assigned accession number DSM11918.

8. (previously presented) An absorbent product according to claim 7, comprising  $10^4$  to  $10^{11}$  cfu, *Lactobacillus plantarum* LB931.

9. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is skimmed milk, or a lactobacillus growth medium in powder form.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein said *Lactobacillus plantarum* LB931 is in an amount of  $10^5$  to  $10^9$  cfu.

13. (previously presented) The absorbent product according to claim 7, wherein said absorbent product is selected from the group consisting of a feminine hygiene product, diaper, sanitary napkin, panty guard and incontinence guard.

14. (previously presented) The absorbent product according to claim 8, wherein LB931 is an amount of  $10^5$  to  $10^9$  cfu.

15. (previously presented) A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition for preventing and/or treating urogenital infections, comprising:

adding *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, said strain has been assigned accession number DSM11918 to said pharmaceutical composition.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein said pharmaceutical composition prevents or inhibits the growth of enterobacteria.

17. (previously presented) A method of preparing an absorbent product suitable for preventing and/or treating urogenital infections, comprising:

adding *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and has been assigned accession number DSM11918 to said absorbent product.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein said absorbent product prevents or treats the growth of enterobacteria.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein said absorbent product is selected from the group consisting of a diaper, sanitary napkin, panty guard, incontinence guard and feminine hygiene product.

20. (previously presented) A method for preventing and/or treating urogenital infections in a patient, comprising:  
administering *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and has been assigned accession number DSM11918 in an effective amount to said patient.

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein said *Lactobacillus plantarum* is administered to said patient via a pharmaceutical composition selected from the group consisting of ointments, creams, liquid solutions, suppositories, and capsules.

22. (previously presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein said *Lactobacillus plantarum* is administered to said patient by placing an absorbent product containing *Lactobacillus plantarum* in close contact with the skin of said patient, said absorbent product selected from the group consisting of a diaper, sanitary napkin, panty guard, incontinence guard and feminine hygiene product.

~~23. (currently amended) The method according to claim~~  
[[20]] 22, wherein said absorbent product prevents or treats the growth of enterobacteria.